

REMARKS

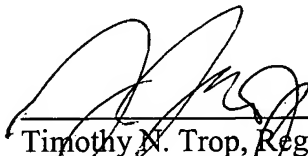
Claim 1 has been amended to better identify the concept of variably tuning. As now set forth in the claims, it involves determining the amount of dispersion and then applying that amount of stress needed to compensate for the determined amount of dispersion.

The cited reference is digital and provides either no dispersion compensation or a set amount of dispersion compensation. The amount of applied amplitude dispersion compensation is fixed, as determined in paragraph 95. In other words, no matter how much the dispersion is, the amount of compensation that is applied is the same. There is no adjustment of the dispersion compensation to the determined amount of dispersion. Nor is there any determination of the amount of dispersion.

Therefore, reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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